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November 09, 2016

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

32 November 9, 2016

LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF ONE RESCUE BOAT (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is requesting Board of Supervisors (Board) approval for the acquisition of one fire rescue boat (rescue boat) for the District's Lifeguard Division, at an estimated cost of \$900,000.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

1. Approve the District's request and authorize the Internal Services Department as the Purchasing Agent to proceed with the acquisition of one rescue boat for the District's Lifeguard Division.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Lifeguard Division has a very comprehensive rescue boat maintenance program which has kept the fleet in good operational readiness. A minimum of two hours per day are dedicated to vessel maintenance year round. In the winter, it is common for rescue boat crews to dedicate entire work shifts to vessel upkeep and repair. Through grants with the California Department of Parks and Recreation Division of Boating & Waterways (Boating & Waterways), we have replaced all of our rescue boat engines and have a priority consideration commitment from Boating & Waterways to continue this engine grant program. The industry standard for replacing rescue boats is twenty years. Through diligent maintenance and our engine replacement program, the Lifeguard Division has been able to operate its fleet well beyond the expected life of the vessels. However, the rescue boat that is being replaced is now over 30 years old and replacement can no longer be deferred.

The Lifeguard Division currently has nine operational rescue boats and one reserve to cover 72 miles of coastline, mid-channel, and Catalina Island. Over the last 30 years, our beach and boating activity has increased, and we now have four 24-hour rescue boat operations (Marina del Rey, Avalon, Isthmus, and Port of Los Angeles), which were non-existent 30 years ago. Due to our 24-hour operations, and an increase in responses at the request of the U.S. Coast Guard (Alaska Airlines 261; post 9-11 homeland security issues; Memorandum Of Understanding with Coast Guard to provide emergency medical services and search and rescue to distressed mariners from Point Conception to Seal Beach and 50 miles out to sea), we are putting far more hours on our boats than we have during the last several decades. We are the vital link in the marine environment adjacent to the entire Los Angeles County coastline due in part to a limited number of other agencies and resources to cover 72 miles of coastline and Catalina Island.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1), by maximizing the effectiveness of the processes, structure, and operations, and strong fiscal management to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services. It also directs us to provide Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3), by maximizing opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes and leverage resources through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety services. This project will help achieve these goals that will benefit the maritime community, by improving the District's ability to respond to emergencies in the Los Angeles County coastline.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total estimated cost of the rescue boat is \$900,000.

The District's Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 Final Adopted Budget includes sufficient funding for the purchase of the rescue boat, as well as ongoing maintenance costs.

Net County cost will be 70 percent of the District's actual cost, and has already been identified in the FY 2016-17 Lifeguard General Fund budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a policy whereby departments must obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisitions to the Purchasing Agent.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. The purchase will be requisitioned through, and accomplished by the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The new rescue boat will greatly enhance the District's ability to protect lives, the environment, and property in a safer, more efficient and cost-effective manner.

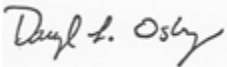
CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Honorable Board, please instruct the Executive Officer to return the adopted stamped copy of the letter and attachments to the following:

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Respectfully submitted,



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Auditor-Controller
Internal Services Department